

Monument Hill Property Owners Association Newsletter

SPRING 2018

Streetlights Going Out?

Good, the headline caught your attention. Please read on. We have a looming crisis at hand. Your Monument Hill Property Owners Association (MHPOA) Board has an election coming up in July and three of the five board positions are up for election this year. We have NOT had property owners lining up to volunteer a small amount of their time to guiding the neighborhood forward for the next two years. Your MHPOA has been well funded, but we must have a Board seated that can regularly meet, attend to community business and approve expenses **OR all of our street lights could literally go out!!!** PLEASE consider volunteering to serve on your Monument Hill Property Owners Association Board. All you need to do is to let a current Board member, or Lori, know you are willing to serve before June 1st.

Notes from the President

Spring Greetings to all,

We are on our way to a new and great year. Spring is here and the green from the springtime rains is nourishing our beautiful landscape. And boy, did we have a lot of winter cold and lots of rain earlier this year. I hope each of you are now enjoying this time of year and that you find that new, refreshed energy to bring happiness and joy to your families and neighbors.

Your MHPOA Board has remained active. We continue to work with the Fayette County Sheriff's Department on speed enforcement along Country Club Drive and Park Drive. And we have been informed of our County Commissioner's plans to continue neighborhood road improvements in 2018.

Our Deer committee completed another season of deer reduction efforts yielding a small reduction of deer. We will continue to coordinate with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for future deer reduction efforts. A report from the Deer committee is enclosed.

In February, the MHPOA board met with Will Hood of

the Texas A&M Forrest Service about wildfire threats and actions our homeowners can take to help to reduce any such risks. We have included a flyer with this newsletter for you to review and consider as you protect and care for your property.

Perhaps most importantly, the MHPOA board is seeking volunteers to serve on the board, the Architectural Control Committee and the various other committees involved in taking care of our wonderful community. This summer, we will have three board positions that will need to be filled for another two-year term. Larry Hilgers and I are term limited and cannot continue to serve, so give some thought to serving and let me, Larry or Lori at the office know if you might be interested helping to serve our community in the coming years. We are also completing proposed revisions to our General Restrictions that are intended to improve protection of our property values and to enhance the quality of life here.

Your MHPOA's finances remain in good order. We ask that you share your thoughts about how the board can continue to serve our community using the funds you have provided for maintenance and beautification of our neighborhoods.

Blessings to you and your families,
Wade Blakey, MHPOA President

Deer Committee Update

Since early 2016 the MHPOA has been involved in closely monitoring the number of deer living in the neighborhood. Generally, our counting of deer has identified the number of animals to be relatively constant at 100 to 200. The low point of about 90 identified deer occurred just after hurricane Harvey in August, 2017.

As you know, we now have a Deer Committee chaired by Bill Keating who is assisted by Nora Butler, Bradley Loehr, David Tauch, Wes Gilmore, Cleo Snider and Mike Wallace. The efforts of the committee in addition to maintaining records of deer population have resulted in herd reduction of about 40 to 50 does. This modest reduction, while important (think two fawns per doe), has had little impact on the total number of deer roaming the streets.

All of the committee's efforts are coordinated with Texas Parks and Wildlife. Based upon TP&W evaluations we continue to have a surplus of deer whose health and well being is limited based upon available space. Many residents have recently expressed an ongoing concern that vegetation and yards are being damaged by excess numbers of deer. Often traffic is jeopardized by deer darting into the roads.

We respectfully ask those who feed the deer to stop doing so. Even a casual observation reveals that deer are creatures of habit. Place deer corn on your patio or spread it in your yard and the deer will soon arrive and they will leave only when the feed is gone, permanently. Thank you for your efforts to assist in this important neighborhood issue.

Treasurer's Report

Our checking and CD account balances for 2/27/2018, respectively, are \$34,714.35 and \$25,291.68 for a total of \$60,006.03. Our accounts this same time last year were \$27,167.21 and \$25,000 for a total of \$52,167.21. Our \$25,000 CD at Fayetteville Bank is earning an interest rate of 1.19% and will mature on June 15, 2018. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 3/13/2018 was \$681.98 compared to \$466.50 the same time last year. Please pay your quarterly dues in a timely manner.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Please take a moment
to introduce your-
selves to the new kids
on the block.....

VUTTHEANY SEM &
NHEANRATANA MAO
107 CARMEN CT
BRANDON & POPIE GRAY
222 PARK DR
DR. KINUYO HENDERSON
404 BUCKEYE TRAIL
MATT JASTER & ANNA LOEHR
315 ROLLING HILL DR



SLOW DOWN

Speeding continues to be a problem, especially on Country Club Drive and Park Drive. Please slow down before someone gets hurt!

Neighborhood Happenings

- ◆ **1st Saturday Breakfast (La Marina Restaurant)** - On the 1st Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m., a group of Frisch Auf! & Bluff Haven residents gather at La Marina (in the back room to the right). For more information, call Faye Graeber, (979) 968-0075
- ◆ **MHPOA Board Meetings**—are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the MHPOA office, 100 Country Club Dr. If you plan on attending, please call to verify the meeting time, as sometimes it changes.

Little Free Library

Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe we are racing toward Spring once again. Your LFL made it through winter which included snow and/or ice twice. We received some nice book donations for the adult LFL, and the children's library is doing well also.



Katy Michalke and I spoke to the Daughters of the American Revolution at their December meeting. We told them about the history of Little Free Libraries. They were so kind to bring books for us to use in the libraries.

Katy, library Steward for the Lindemann LFL, and I sorted through the books they gave us. The books were shared by both libraries.

As always, if you have donations, you may certainly leave them on our front porch. If you want a particular book or author, please let me know. I can't promise anything, but am willing to look through the back stock, and can even check with Katy.

Have a wonderful Spring, and by all means, drop by Valley View Little Free Library and Lindemann Little Free Library as well. www.facebook.com/valleyviewlittlefreelibrary

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